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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GREZ ET AL.

Examiner

Huyen Le

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 May 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 4-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7 and 12-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2, 4, 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ramirez (6,325,076).

The Ramirez reference discloses pump system comprising: a fluid cartridge member (21) made of flexible material, the fluid cartridge member having a fluid-filled portion and an exit opening for the fluid in the cartridge; a base member (20) having a cutout portion (cavity) into which the fluid-filled portion of the cartridge member (21) can nest; and a pressing member (37) having a nesting portion (the wheel) including a length and diameter which substantially match the cross-section of the cutout portion of the base member (see Fig. 9), such that, over at least a substantial portion of the length of the cutout portion, the nesting portion (the wheel) directly contacts the cartridge portion continuously across substantially the entire cutout portion, so that as the pressing member (37) is moved in operation forwardly over the cartridge, fluid is moved from the fluid-filled portion through the exit opening, with the flexible cartridge being flattened during such action substantially without creasing of the cartridge, the pressing member including two mounting elements (38) which extend outwardly from opposing ends of the nesting portion, the nesting portion being configured to nest with the cutout

portion around its entire circumference, permitting the nesting portion to roll along the fluid-filled portion of the cartridge, pressing fluid out therefrom through the exit opening, a beginning part of the cutout portion being narrower than the length of the nesting portion of the pressing means but tapers outwardly to a point where the nesting portion fully nests within the cutout portion.

3. Claims 1-2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kraals. (4,270,672).

The Kraals reference discloses pump system comprising: a fluid cartridge member (18) made of flexible material, the fluid cartridge member having a fluid-filled portion and an exit opening for the fluid in the cartridge; a base member (10) having a cutout portion 16 into which the fluid-filled portion of the cartridge member (18) can nest; and a pressing member (38) having a nesting portion (40) including a length and diameter which substantially match the cross-section of the cutout portion of the base member, such that, over at least a substantial portion of the length of the cutout portion, the fluid-filled portion and the pressing member (38) substantially nest with the cutout portion, so that as the pressing member (38) is moved in operation forwardly over the cartridge, fluid is moved from the fluid-filled portion through the exit opening, with the flexible cartridge being flattened during such action substantially without creasing of the cartridge, the pressing member including two mounting elements (42) and (44) which extend outwardly from opposing ends of the nesting portion (40) (see Fig. 4), a beginning part of the cutout portion 35 being narrower than the length of the nesting

portion of the pressing means but tapers outwardly to a point where the nesting portion fully nests within the cutout portion.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 9-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
5. Claims 5-7, 12-20 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed on 05/19/2008 with respect to claims 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
7. Applicant's arguments with respect to Kraals (on page 6, paragraph 4th) have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The mounting elements 42 and 44 of Kraals extend sufficiently from the opposing ends of the nesting portion 40 (as shown in Fig. 4). The pressing member 38 is movable by action on the mounting elements (i.e. the mounting elements slidable on the edges 12 and 14).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huyen Le whose telephone number is 571-272-4890. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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